

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

4 HOUSE BILL 3115

 By: Newton

7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to optometry; amending 59 O.S. 2011,
9 Section 584, which relates to qualifications of
10 applicants to practice optometry; requiring
 applicants to submit to national criminal history
 check; and providing an effective date.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 584, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 584. A. Every person desiring to commence the practice
17 of optometry after the passage of this act except as hereinafter
18 provided, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence, verified by
19 oath, that he is more than twenty-one (21) years of age and of good
20 moral character and has met the undergraduate requirements and is a
21 graduate of an accredited school of optometry, conferring the degree
22 of Doctor of Optometry or its equivalent, shall, upon application,
23 be examined by the Board of Examiners to determine his or her
24 qualifications, and such examination shall be based upon the

1 subjects taught in the standard schools and colleges of optometry,
2 such as general and ocular pharmacology, anatomy of the eyes, use of
3 the ophthalmoscope, retinoscope and the use of trial lenses, general
4 anatomy, physiology, physics, chemistry, biology, bacteriology,
5 ocular pathology, ocular neurology, ocular myology, psychology,
6 physiological optics, optometrical mechanics, clinical optometry,
7 visual field charting and orthoptics, the general laws of optics and
8 refraction, as is essential to the practice of optometry. Every
9 candidate successfully passing such examination shall be registered
10 by the Board as possessing the qualifications as required by Section
11 581 et seq. of this title and shall receive from the Board a
12 certificate thereof. Every optometrist desiring to use dangerous
13 drugs and controlled dangerous substances as specified in Section 1
14 of this act shall have satisfactorily completed courses in general
15 and ocular pharmacology at an institution accredited by the Council
16 on Post-Secondary Accreditation or the United States Department of
17 Education. The Board of Examiners in Optometry shall approve such
18 courses and shall certify those qualified by such training to use
19 dangerous drugs and controlled dangerous substances as specified in
20 Section 1 of this act. The use of any such pharmaceuticals by an
21 optometrist or the obtaining of same by an optometrist shall be
22 unlawful unless said optometrist is in possession of a current
23 certificate as provided in this section. Such optometrist shall
24 furnish evidence to any pharmacist or other supplier from whom such

1 pharmaceuticals are sought as to his holding a current certificate.
2 The Board may, in its discretion, issue said certificates to
3 practice, to persons otherwise qualified under this act, who have
4 established by legal proof their knowledge of optometry, as shown by
5 previous examination in any state of the Union; provided, the
6 examination in said state was, at the time taken, of an equal
7 standard with that of this state; provided, further, that citizens
8 of this state are by the statutes of said state, admitted to
9 practice on like conditions.

10 B. Every person desiring to commence the practice of optometry
11 shall be required to submit to a national criminal history record
12 check, as defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma
13 Statutes. The costs associated with the national criminal history
14 record check shall be paid by such person.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.
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17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 02/06/2018 -
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